Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The 111th United States Congress passed House Resolution 322, designating the 4th Saturday in July as National Day of the Cowboy; and,

Whereas, Pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped established American's frontiers, and South Dakota is represented on the Official Great Western Cattle Trail; and,

Whereas, The cowboy spirit transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations; and,

Whereas, The cowboy exemplifies strength of character, commitment, and patriotism and is an excellent steward of natural resources, livestock, and wildlife; and,

Whereas, The core values expressed within the Cowboy Code of Conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of personal integrity; and,

Whereas, The cowboy continues to be an important part of the economy of this country, through the work of approximately 656,600 ranchers in all 50 states; and,

Whereas, The sanctioned event of the cowboy rodeo is the official sport of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The cowboy and his/her horse, is a central figure in history, literature, art, film, poetry, photography, music, and the contemporary West, and the legacy of the cowboy is preserved and presented at the High Plains Western Heritage Center and through the Heritage of the American West Performance Series in Spearfish, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in the public's understanding and association with the West:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 28, 2012, as

COWBOY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State